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Former Teacher Convicted of Child Sex, Lewd Acts, Other Charges

A jury today found an Anaheim man guilty of multiple counts of unlawful sex with a minor and other felony charges, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Lisa Coen said the jury deliberated for less than a day before finding Steven Andrews, 43, guilty of 17 counts: six counts of unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor, two counts of oral copulation of a person under 16, five counts of sexual penetration by a foreign object, three counts of lewd act upon a child and one count of possession or control of child pornography.

Andrews is scheduled to be sentenced April 24 at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Pomona before Judge Mike Camacho. The defendant faces a maximum sentence of 15 years, eight months in state prison. He also must register as a sex offender.

The prosecutor said Andrews was a teacher at a middle school in Diamond Bar when he began a sexual relationship with one of the students in May 2011.

The defendant taught the 13-year-old victim for about a year before the sexual misconduct occurred, the prosecutor said. Initially, the incidents transpired at the school, but later also occurred off campus.

Another teacher at the middle school became concerned about the interactions between Andrews and the female victim, which led to a tip to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Andrews was arrested Sept. 30, 2011 and has remained in custody.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Special Victims Bureau.

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